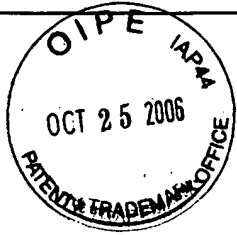


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Mail Stop Amendment
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/647,517
Filed: January 16, 2004
Title: Transgenic Plants Containing Altered Levels of Sterol
Compounds and Tocopherols
Applicants: Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH *et al.*
Attorney Docket No.: 16518.132

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16518.132. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristan L. Lansbery".

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 2, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50 2387, referencing docket number 16518.132. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50 2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.